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Philadelphia is kicking off St. Patrick's Day a little early with the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. There are going to be plenty of festive floats, impressive entertainment and of course, a lot of Irish spirit. In fact, everyone is Irish this weekend and can join in on all of the fun this Sunday, March 10. I love everything about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It's a beloved tradition that brings the community together and really gets everyone amped up for the main event next weekend. *For more, see pages 4-5.*

TWEETS

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Celebrity and entertainment news is always juicy. Even if you don't keep up with tabloids or regularly check gossip websites, everyone loves their daily dose of the tea. Metro has the scoop on the biggest scandals, shockers, shades and all-around crazy tidbits that have the celebrity world in a tizzy. Here are the biggest gossip stories of this week. MOLLY GIVEN

KATE BECKINSALE'S EX TELLS PETE DAVIDSON TO "RUN"

It's no longer a secret that Pete Davidson and Kate Beckinsale are now an item, especially after they were caught lip-locking during a New York Rangers game at Madison Square Garden. When TMZ caught up with Beckinsale's 23-year-old ex, the comedian had some words of wisdom for the "SNL" star. Matt Rife told the news outlet that his relationship with the "Underworld" actress was "complicated, for sure" and had "a lot of ups and downs." When asked if he had any advice for Davidson, he joked, "run." But he did wish the new couple well: "I'm hoping that they both found ... or are getting out of it whatever they want to get out of it."

PARIS JACKSON DEFENDS HER FATHER

"Leaving Neverland" has captivated many audiences. The HBO hit is putting the late Michael Jackson's life in the spotlight, specifically highlighting his history with alleged child abuse. Many social media users have been wondering how the "Billie Jean" singer's children have been doing after the exposing docuseries premiered. "The bigger picture is your father's legacy ruined and his name smeared forever but whatever though," one follower wrote to Paris, according to E! Twenty-year-old Jackson decided to respond and come to the defense of her father: "So....not love and peace and trying to carry that message out? Tabloids and lies are the bigger picture? I'll pray for you."

"THE BACHELOR" REVEALS WHY COLTON UNDERWOOD JUMPED THAT FENCE

"It's the moment all of America will be talking about," "Bachelor" host Chris Harrison proclaimed in the preview for this week's episode. When the newest season of "The Bachelor" premiered, it teased a tense moment where the Bachelor himself storms off and jumps a fence claiming he is "done" with the show. The clip even showed producers going after the ex-NFL player. It seems that what made Underwood go off was a conversation with front-runner Cassie Randolph. Randolph's father was flown in by ABC to try and convince his daughter to leave the show, and ultimately he told Underwood he would never approve of their relationship. This fact made Randolph claim she couldn't be with Colton. He didn't take the news too well.

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

GOING OUT

Carnaval a Go Go

The Trestle Inn is hosting this colorful extravaganza in honor of the Brazilian Carnival celebration. The samba girls of Alô Brasil and Phillybloco and The Trestle Inn's famous go-go dancers will be heating the party up with nonstop Brazilian music and dancing all night long, along with more tunes being spun by DJ Argo. Guests will also be greeted with a complimentary rum cocktail and can also indulge in other rum cocktail specials throughout the event. **March 8, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., The Trestle Inn, 339 N. 11th St., $5-$10, thetrestleinn.com**

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LiveConnections Community Sing

You don't have to be a skilled singer or even an average singer to attend this event. LiveConnections has commissioned a multimedia music extravaganza where everyone is invited to participate in a brand-new vocal piece along with acclaimed British a cappella ensemble VOCES8. Drexel's ExCITe Center will also be in attendance and will be using technology to visualize both sound and movement to make the event extra-special. **March 10, 3 p.m., Temple Performing Arts Center, 1837 N. Broad St., $1, templeperformingartscenter.org**

ARTS & CULTURE

The B.I.G. Exhibit

Over 30 artists will be showcasing their visual works of art all dedicated to the Notorious B.I.G. on the anniversary of his death. Known as the best lyricist to ever exist in hip-hop culture, Biggie broke many boundaries, inspired a large fan base and is still deeply revered to this day.

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Reba McEntire

Iconic entertainer and award-winning superstar Reba McEntire is hitting the stage at Parx Casino for one night only. McEntire is most famous for her country music smash hits but also became a household name for her television, film, theater and retail ventures as well, including her self-titled sitcom that ran for six years. McEntire will be performing some of her greatest hits including "Consider Me Gone," "Going Out Like That," "I'm A Survivor," "Does He Love You" and many more. **March 9, 7 p.m., Parx Casino, 2999 Street Rd., Bensalem, $79-$199, parxcasino.com**

The gallery will be serving free wine throughout the night and presenting the first 50 patrons with a free art print as well. **March 9, 6-9 p.m., Philly Art Collective, 253 N. 3rd St., free, phillyartshow.com**

Crafts & Cocoa

Head to Beyond the Seams this weekend to join in on a DIY Graphic T-Shirt workshop. Anyone of any age can create their own unique drawing, heat it and press it to a shirt to create their own unique design. Plus there will be plenty of hot cocoa and bubbly to keep the fun going. Beyond the Seams will provide the supplies, light bites and music — all you have to do is email your shirt size to them before the event. **March 9, 3-5 p.m., Beyond the Seams, 828 N. Broad St., $25, btsphilly.com**

2019 Philadelphia Travel & Adventure Show

This expo is a wanderlust traveler's dream. If you're planning a vacation, looking for your next adventure, or you simply want more tips on how to become a savvier traveler, this is the event for you. There will be educational seminars, virtual reality experiences, travel experts there to answer questions, giveaways, endless vacation options and much more. **March 9-10, times vary, Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., free-$18, paconvention.com**

Garces Wedding Social

Garces is hosting their annual Wedding Social this weekend, and all bright-eyed brides, wedding hopefuls and future grooms are invited to come and check it out. The event will feature food from top Garces hot spots including Olde Bar, Amada and Tinto; premier wedding professionals there to answer questions; free prizes and giveaways; and of course, information on the perks of becoming a Garces wedding couple. **March 9, noon-2 p.m., Cira Centre, 2929 Arch St., free, garcesgroup.com**

FOOD & DRINKS

Wine Night at Abe Fisher

Abe Fisher is teaming up with Food & Wine magazine's Sommelier of the Year Carlin Karr for an incredible evening centered around wine. Guests can indulge in delectable dishes paired with phenomenally indulgent wine while Karr guides everyone's taste palettes on a delicious journey. Menu items include poached king salmon with sour cream gnocchi (paired with a friulano Venica & Venica); rack of lamb with root vegetable tsimis (paired with a Blaufrankisch Markus Altenburger) and much more. **March 10, 8:45 p.m., Abe Fisher, 1623 Sansom St., $150, abefisherphilly.com**

The Big Brunch

Brunch is already one of the best parts of the weekend. Add in over-the-top plates and gigantic beverages and you've got the best part of your whole week. City Tap will be serving up gigantically delicious brunch dishes and refreshments for anyone of any age (totally family-friendly.) This brunch marks the first of many more to come. **March 9, noon-3 p.m., City Tap Logan Square, 2 Logan Sq., prices vary, citytap.com**

COMEDY

Sunday's Free Improv Jam

It doesn't matter whether you're a seasoned comedian taking the stage for the 100th time or a first-timer ready to take on the comedy world, all are welcome to take the stage and stand under the spotlight with their comedy set. Plus, it's free! **March 10, 6 p.m., Philly Improv Theater, 2030 Sansom St., free, phillyimprovtheater.com**

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When the leprechauns go marching in

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All leprechaun lovers, green beer drinkers and honorary Irishmen unite — the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade is this weekend. With the fun-filled festivities comes lots of dancing, music, talented performers, after parties and, of course, plenty of Irish spirit.

The parade starts at 11:15 a.m. this Sunday and will begin at 16th St. and John F. Kennedy Boulevard. The procession will move on to proceed through the historic Independence Mall area, cut down to Market St. through most of Center City and Old City until it ends at Penn's Landing. If you really want to be front and center for the action, you can view the main performance area at the grandstands located on 5th and Market streets. If you can't grab a coveted spot at the parade, want to just hang in or would rather just view the fun from afar, you're in luck. Fox 29 will also be airing the performances and parade from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. March 10. The parade will air again next Sunday, March 17, on St. Patrick's Day as well.

The parade always brings a lot of impressive entertainment and colorful floats, and this year is no different. Philadelphians who attend the parade are in for a treat and can expect a plethora of over-the-top parade entertainment including: the Philadelphia Emerald Society Pipe Band, Timmy Kelly singing "Danny Boy," McDade Cara Championship Dancers, St. Aloysius Academy

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This year's theme is St. Patrick, Unite Us! The theme is a perfect way to bring every person in the City of Brotherly Love together for a special occasion- it's not all about beer and four-leaf clovers after all. Sean McMenamin will serve as the Grand Marshal for the parade this year and there will also be plenty of surprises in store for anyone who attends.

There will also be some road closures to accommodate the celebration. A full list is available on the official website but a few major ones include John F. Kennedy Boulevard between 20th St. and 15th St., 19th St. between Market St. and Arch St., Market St. between Juniper St. and Front St., all cross streets on Market St. from 13th St. to Front St. between Chestnut St. and Arch St. and a few more. Most streets will be closed from 5:30 a.m. that morning until about 4 p.m.

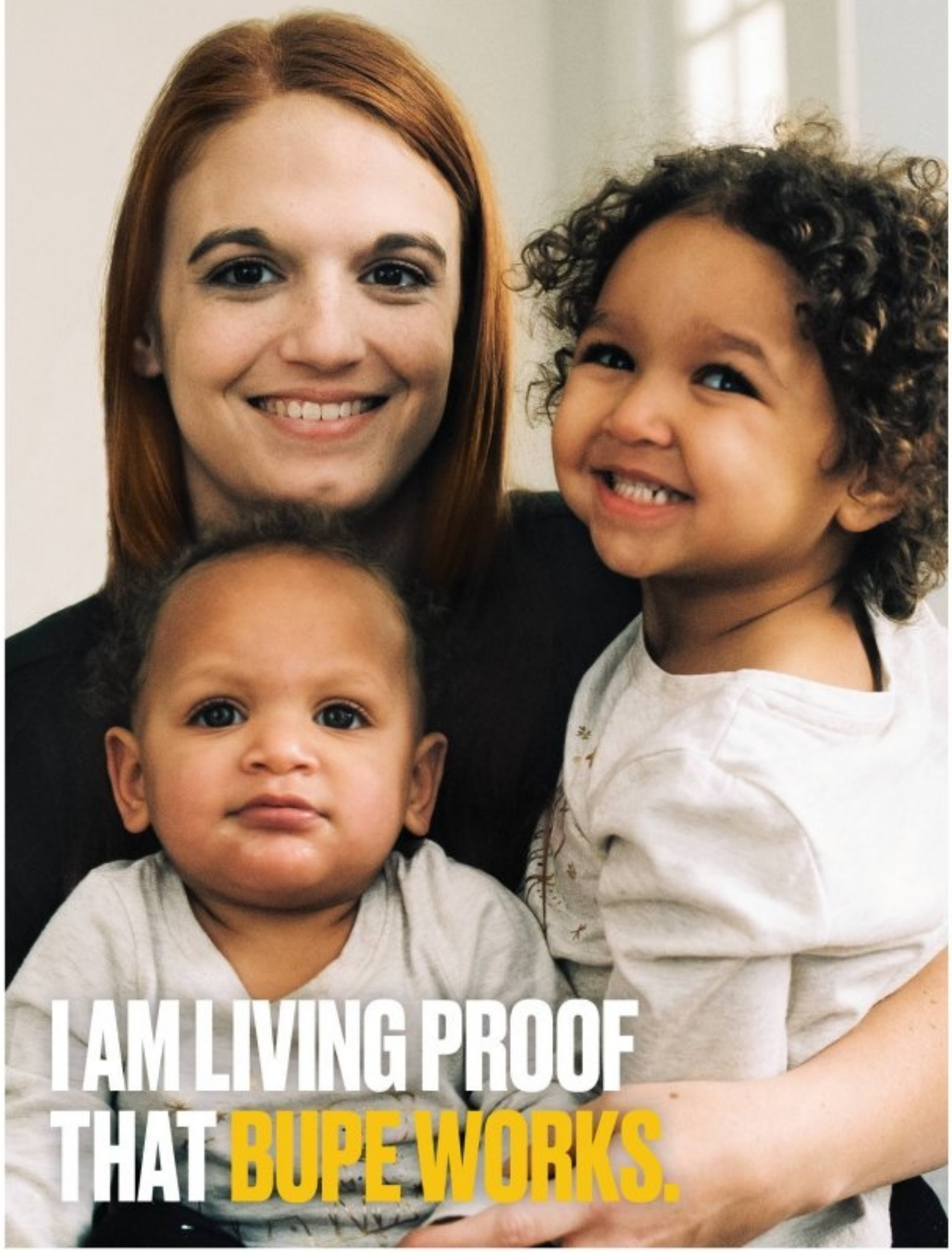
After the parade, there are a few places that are keeping the fun going even after the first round of festivities end. Head to Independence Hall (520 Chestnut St.) to attend the traditional after-party extravaganza where Grand Marshal Sean Mcmenimen will be honored along with a few others from the community in the St. Patrick's Ring of Honor. The American Pub (1500 Market St.) will also be throwing down Irish style after the main event and will feature live music from The Sean Fleming Band, giveaways, plenty of drink specials and much more.

Philadelphians can also head to the Red Rooster Inn (7960 Dungan Rd.) after the parade to indulge in ham and cabbage, shepherd's pie and Guinness stew all while being entertained by talented Irish Dancers and live music from Luke Jardel and friends.

The parade will go on, rain or shine.

If you go:

March 10, 11 am-3 pm, 16th St. and John F. Kennedy Blvd., free, philadelphiastpatsparade.com



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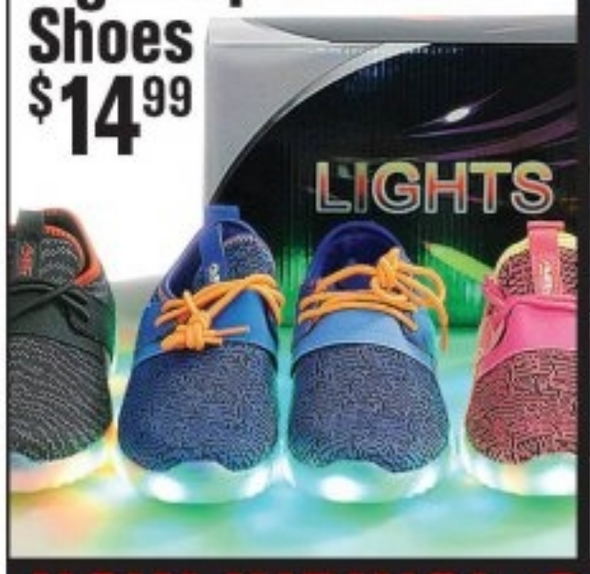

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The state of Pennsylvania legalized the use of medical marijuana almost three years ago, but it wasn't until February 2018, that medical marijuana became available for patients. Ever since, marijuana dispensaries have been opening up all over the commonwealth to make medical marijuana more accessible to those who need it.

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Since his statement, there are now 21 qualifying conditions that will allow patients to get their medical marijuana cards in the state of Pennsylvania. You can check out the 21 different qualifying conditions as listed on the Pennsylvania goverment website below.

If you are suffering from any of these illnesses, make sure to visit a qualified medical professional who is authorized by the stateto prescribe medical marijuana. For a full list of recognized doctors, head over to health.pa.gov. **PAT KING**

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Philadelphia has a lot to offer, but so does the coastal town of Atlantic City.

Fleetwood Mac
The iconic band is hitting the stage in Atlantic City this weekend for one night only. It may not be the full original lineup, but this show is not one to be missed. The rock band will be performing some of their greatest hits including "The Chain," "Dreams," "Go Your Own Way," "Gypsy," "Landslide" and many more.
March 9, 8 p.m., Boardwalk Hall, 2301 Boardwalk, $85-$119, boardwalkhall.com

Atlantic City St. Patrick's Day Parade
If you can't make Philadelphia's St. Patrick's Day Parade this Sunday, perhaps you can swing down to the coastal town to indulge in their festivities this Saturday. The parade will feature festive floats, spirited performances, live music, plenty of green gear and much more. Any Philadelphian who heads down to AC can simply roll up to the boardwalk to witness the extravaganza that unfolds right next to the beach. *March 9, 1 p.m., Atlantic City Boardwalk, free, acstpatricksdayparade.com*

Tribute to Biggie with Lil Kim ft. Mister Cee
On the anniversary of the Notorious B.I.G's death, join Lil Kim and Mister Cee in honoring the highly revered hip-hop lyricist. Lil Kim, who is known for her smash hit songs "Lady Marmalade" "and "Not Tonight," will honor the late rapper with her own renditions of some of his most memorable tunes.
March 9, 10 p.m.-4 a.m., HQ2AC, 500 Boardwalk, $20, hq2ac.com

Mid-Atlantic BBQ & Outdoor Expo
This savory event features all things BBQ, and boy is it delicious. There will be plenty of food and drink vendors serving up enticing treats, live demonstrations, BBQ-related exhibitors and much more. There will also be an intensely delicious BBQ competition where 70+ Kansas City Barbeque Society teams will be battling for huge trophies and thousands of dollars in cash prizes. Be sure to also check out the BBQ Party featuring live music, various attractions, adult games and a full cash bar.
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Louie Louie
This University City hotspot comes from father and daughter restaurateurs Marty and Sydney Grims who have found major success in the past with the Philly food scene. Louie Louie is massive with space for 160 diners, 15 seats at the bar, 30 seats in the lounge and 50 seats outside on Walnut.

The food is sublime, it boasts comfort, style and unbelievable taste. Menu items include bacon wrapped dates, lobster bisque, yellowfin tuna tartare, croque madame, linguini carbonara, braised short rib and much more. This popular eatery is also open for brunch and lunch. *3611 Walnut St., louielouie.restaurant*

Pod
Pod brings the flavor and the fun, all while looking chic and unique. Philadelphians who dine at this University City hotspot are always in for a treat. Patrons can hang out in the lounge while sampling refreshing cocktails, chill out in one of the pulsating, color-changing cocoon booths, or even pick their favorite dishes off of their sushi conveyor belt at the bar.

Enticing dishes include a plethora of specialty negiri, colorful sushi platters and rolls, chicken dumpling ramen, wasabi vegetable rice, short rib lo mein, tempura rock shrimp, cheesesteak bao, scallops, plenty of tasty alcohol options and much more. *3636 Sansom St., podrestaurant.com*

Gran Caffe L'Aquila
Downstairs guests can indulge in enticing coffee by day, delicious wine by night and irresistible gelato whenever you want to treat yourself. Upstairs guests can experience one of the most authentic Italian restaurants in Philly, filled with mouthwatering food and an unbeatable atmosphere.

The entire restaurant was designed and built in Italy and shipped over for installation, so you know its absolutely the real deal. Menu items include grilled sweet and spicy sausage, jumbo rigatoni, grilled veal chops, a plethora of wine, beer and cocktails and much more. In honor of the flower show, this Center City hotspot is even offering a specialty gelato flavor: violet marmellata. *1716 Chestnut St., grancaffelaquila.com*

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few words to describe this Center City spot. There are swanky and chic decorations, insanely tasty cocktails, comfortable lounging areas, a gorgeous bar and an upscale bowling alley that serves drinks and food located right underneath the main bar area. It's definitely a place you will have to go and see to truly believe.

If you come for the unique atmosphere, you'll stay for the food. Delectable menu items include seared tuna, Spanish octopus, fettuccine, grilled pork chops, garlic prawns, lamb meatballs, a tasty selection of gourmet pizzas and much more. *1525 Sansom St., harpcrown.com*

Devon

Devon Seafood Grill truly lives up to the hype- the seafood here is incredibly fresh and delicious. Dining at Devon is always a true treat- if you are a fan of incredible coastal fare there really is nowhere better. Mouthwatering dishes include mini lobster rolls, jumbo lump crab cakes, spicy Creole gumbo, lobster cod salad, grilled Atlantic salmon, a seafood mixed grill, chocolate lava cake and much, much more. Devon also updates and adds to their menu to keep it fresh, flavorful and always mouthwatering. This Rittenhouse hotspot also offers a great drink and cocktail selection that pairs perfectly with the upscale fair. Devon is open for brunch, lunch and happy hour as well. *225 S 18th St., devonseafood.com*

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Fun things to do in Philly this month

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Clüb 13
March 9

The Mütter Museum is transforming into Clüb 13 for a sultry party featuring food, drinks, circus performances and much more. **March 9, 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Mütter Museum, 19 S 22nd St., $181-$208**

9

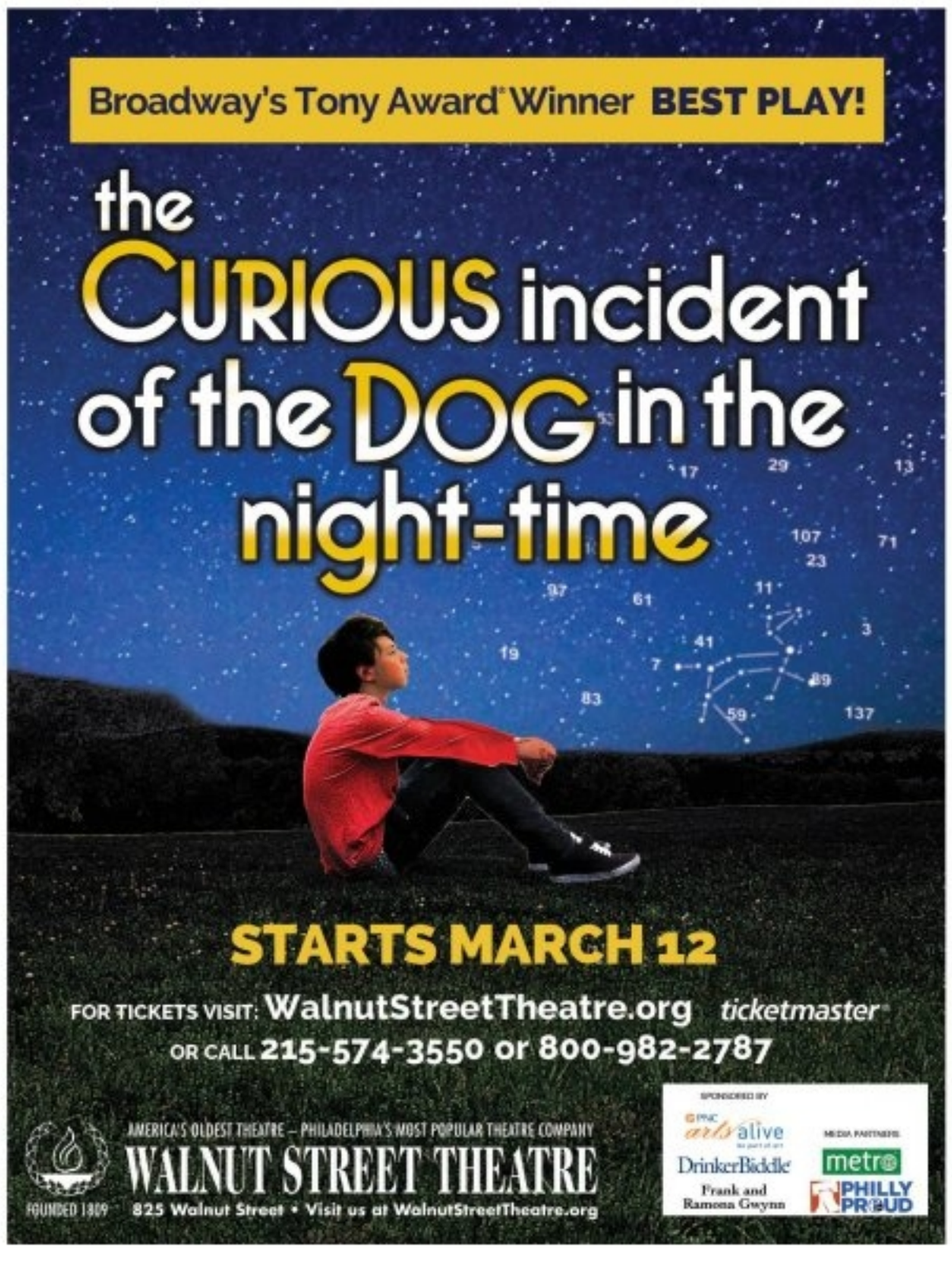
The B.I.G. Exhibit
March 9

On the anniversary of his death, more than 30 artists will honor the Notorious B.I.G. with their moving works of art. **March 9, 6-9 p.m., Philly Art Collective, 253 N. 3rd St., free**

10

Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 10

Celebrate the green, beer-filled holiday by heading to JFK Boulevard and admiring the exciting parade. **March 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., JFK Boulevard, free**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Tokyo Police Club
March 13

This band has already made a huge impact on the indie-rock scene, and now they are bringing their talent to Philly. **March 13, 8:30 p.m., Boot & Saddle, 1131 S. Broad St., $20**

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Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Bar Crawl
March 16

Celebrate the greatest holiday of the year with a festive bar crawl full of beer, four-leaf clovers, luck and more. **March 16, 2-10 p.m., Howl at the Moon, 258 S. 15th St., $2-$27**

18

The Pixies
March 18

The popular alt-rock band is coming to the City of Brotherly Love ahead of their new summer album. **March 18, 7:30 p.m., The Fillmore, 29 E. Allen St., $55**

21

T-Pain
March 21

The man who brought AutoTune into mainstream music is hitting the stage in Philly to perform some of his greatest hits. **March 21, 8 pm, Theater of Living Arts, 334 South St., $30-$127**

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READER WRITE-INS:

BEING FLAKY

Someone grumbled recently about being upset with people who flake out on them all the time. That drives me CRAZY!!!!! I have a friend who is constantly doing that to me every time we try to make plans. She cancels all the time and even when she does show up, it's like a half an hour later than we planned.

I know that it is terrible to have friends like that, but what's even worse is when people like repairmen or the cable guy cancel on you. It also drives me up the wall when they give you, like, a five-hour window of when they are going to arrive, and then show up at the fifth hour. Just say when you are going to arrive!

They should honestly give those cable people tracking devices on their cars like Uber and Lyft drivers. At least you will know when they are coming!!!

— **Jen**, *Metro Philly reader*

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Aries Expand your interests, knowledge and friendships. Interacting more will give you a sense of belonging and help you gain insight into what's available to you.

Taurus Take better care of your health and reputation. What you do will affect how far you advance personally and professionally. Execute your plans with precision.

Gemini A physical change may make you feel better, but the cost will bring you back down. Consider a way to prop yourself up without taking a physical or financial risk.

Cancer Speak up and share your thoughts with someone you respect to get positive feedback and the support you need to make your dreams come true.

Leo You don't have to like others' actions. Getting into a dispute is a waste of time. Do your own thing and let others go about their business.

Virgo Get in touch with someone who inspires you and share your ideas and plans. The information you receive will encourage you to expand your horizons and implement positive change.

Libra Get out and do things with people who encourage you to improve and take part in activities and events. Refuse to give in to selfish demands or criticism.

Scorpio Protect your honor and safety, but don't hesitate to join in if something or someone intrigues you. Use your intelligence to make wise decisions.

Sagittarius Don't let what's behind you dictate your future. Choose whom you associate with carefully. If someone seems evasive, they could be unreliable.

Capricorn Keep emotional matters to a minimum. Put your energy into home improvements and changes that will benefit your health and physical well-being. Take the initiative, but be realistic.

Aquarius Don't make a change or purchase just because someone else does. Look for a way to improve without going into debt. Set your own standard instead of trying to obtain the impossible.

Pisces Listen to what's being asked of you before you agree to participate. Someone will use emotional tactics to take advantage of you. Put your interests and reputation first. EUGENIA LAST

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LSU Head coach Will Wade was reportedly caught on tape by the FBI. GETTY IMAGES

Report: FBI tapes reveal LSU's Wade discussing 'offer'

The probe revolves around the recruiting of Javonte Smart.

Yahoo Sports on Thursday, citing an FBI wiretap, reported details about an alleged 2017 conversation between LSU basketball coach Will Wade and basketball middleman Christian Dawkins discussing a strong "offer" for a recruit.

Yahoo Sports, referencing a tape, reports that a conversation between the two shows Wade's frustrations over a "smart thing," with the coach allegedly saying he was "sick of dealing" with it, and that it should not be all that "complicated."

"The problem was, I know why he didn't take it now, it was tilted toward the family a little bit," Wade said, according to the report. "It was tilted toward taking care of the mom, taking care of the kid. Like it was tilted towards that. Now I know for a fact he didn't explain everything to the mom. I know now, he didn't get enough of the piece of the pie in the deal."

The call offered no details about the "Smart" reference, according to Yahoo. But in June of 2017, guard Javonte Smart, a local Baton Rouge, Louisiana, product, committed to the Tigers program. He is currently a freshman on the team's roster and has scored 11.4 points per game this season.

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Will Wade, LSU basketball coach

Dawkins has been connected to FBI wiretaps going back to 2017. ESPN has reported, citing court records, that Dawkins had contact on multiple occasions in 2017 with a phone number that was believed to have belonged to Wade.

A federal basketball corruption trial will take place April 22 in New York and will focus on the college basketball recruiting process. Wade and Arizona head coach Sean Miller have been linked to the case with defense attorneys in the process of filing subpoenas for both coaches, Yahoo Sports reported.

Dawkins and Merl Code, an Adidas consultant, will face bribery charges in the trial. Co-defendants include assistant coaches Emanuel Richardson of Arizona, Tony Bland of USC and Lamont Evans of Oklahoma State, all of whom have reached a plea agreement. REUTERS

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Cohen, looking to regain unpaid legal fees, sues Trump Organization

The president's former lawyer says he's owed $3.8M.

Michael Cohen, the former personal lawyer of President Donald Trump, on Thursday sued the Trump Organization, saying it reneged on its obligation to reimburse him for millions of dollars of legal fees and costs related to his work.

In a complaint filed in the New York state supreme court in Manhattan, Cohen said the Trump Organization stopped paying him last May after it became clear he would cooperate with various probes into his work.

These include Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian influence in the 2016 presidential election, as well as multiple congressional probes.

Michael Cohen, the former personal attorney of U.S. President Donald Trump, departs with his attorney and advisor Lanny Davis after testifying. GETTY IMAGES

Cohen said the Trump Organization owes him at least $3.8 million, and its failure to pay breached a reimbursement agreement that predated his cooperation.

The Trump Organization did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Thursday's lawsuit marks a further break for Trump's longtime "fixer" from his former boss.

It came as Cohen, 52, prepares this spring to begin serving a three-year prison term following his guilty plea to campaign finance violations.

$3.8M

Cohen said the organization has refused to pay any of his legal fees or costs since May 2018, and owes him about $3.8 million.

These included "hush money" payments to adult film actress Stormy Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, and former Playboy model Karen McDougal, who both said they had sexual encounters with Trump. REUTERS

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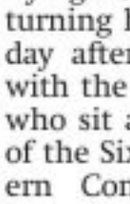
Sixers still waiting for clean bill of health regarding Joel Embiid

With the Rockets up next tonight, the 76ers are still without their star center.



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76ers star center Joel Embiid (second from right) has been out since Feb. 13 with left knee problems. GETTY IMAGES

As it stands, it doesn't look like the Philadelphia 76ers are going to catch the Eastern Conference's top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks this season.

After what can only be described as a bad loss to the lowly Chicago Bulls, who were fueled by the 39 points and last-second winner of Zach LaVine, the 76ers are sitting in fourth in the East, 7.5 games behind Milwaukee as of Thursday night.

Losing two of their last three games, Philadelphia's schedule isn't getting any easier.

The weekend will feature a pair of games against two of the league's best. On Friday, the 76ers travel to Houston to take on James Harden and the high-flying Rockets before returning home for a Sunday afternoon matchup with the Indiana Pacers, who sit a game in front of the Sixers in the Eastern Conference standings.

It's a difficult ask for a team that has not been at full strength for the better part of the last month, which has created plenty of challenges when it comes to keeping up with the major players of the East.

Star center Joel Embiid has been out since Feb. 13 because of left knee tendinitis. The 76ers have skated by with a 5-3 record during that stretch, but they've won just two of the four games against teams currently occupying playoff spots.

Head coach Brett Brown is keeping Embiid's return date under wraps as it is still unclear whether or not he'll make the trip to Houston.

"We are still going through that," Brown told reporters. "There has been no decision officially on that. The bottom line is we have come this far in relation to rest after the All-Star break — personally, I am at a stage where if it requires more time, so be it. The end game is obvious: it is trying to deliver him to the playoffs healthy. I do look up from time to time and pay attention to the calendar. It's not like you have an abundance of time."

It's been a frustrating time of mediocrity for a team that came out on the other side of the NBA trade deadline in early February looking like one of the strongest teams in the league.

The acquisition of Tobias Harris gave the 76ers, on paper, one of the most formidable starting fives as he joined Ben Simmons, JJ Redick, Jimmy Butler, and Embiid.

Since Harris was brought in on Feb. 6 though, that starting five has played just four games together.

During Embiid's absence, the 76ers have turned to a combination of Jonah Bolden, Boban Marjanovic and Amir Johnson to carry the load. However, Marjanovic has encountered injury issues of his own with right knee issues. His return could be coming shortly, but neither of the three centers can produce anything close to what Embiid can provide.

The 24-year-old big man continues his ascension as one of the stars in the NBA, averaging 27.3 points and 13.5 rebounds per game this season.

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The Philadelphia sports betting scene is about to get a bit more crowded as the Pennsylvania Gaming Control board approved Greenwood Gaming this week to open a sportsbook at the Valley Forge Turf Club.

Valley Forge will be the fifth spot in the greater Philadelphia area to allow sports wagering.

Parx Casino, which already operates sportsbooks in Bensalem and the South Philly Turf Club, is a subsidiary of Greenwood.

"We're here to be serious players in this space — the sports betting space in Pennsylvania," Parx Casino Senior Vice President of Interactive Gaming and Sports Matthew Cullen told MetroBet last month. "You can see the investment we've made with the look of the sportsbook [at Parx Casino] and the $10 million we paid for the license. And with the high tax rate that we're paying back to the state. Sports betting is in our history at Parx with our owners and we're just excited that it's here. It's been a long time coming."

The Valley Forge Turf Club is located in Oaks, Pennsylvania — about 35 minutes from Philly — and is expected to start taking wagers by the end of the month. Greenwood Racing opened the Turf Club in 1996 and has provided off-track race wagering since then. Their current hours of operation are as follows:

Sunday - Tuesday:
Noon - 10 p.m.

Wednesday - Thursday:
Noon - 11 p.m.

Friday - Saturday:
Noon - Midnight

In the month of January, Parx and the South Philadelphia Turf club posted a combined handle of around $6 million.

The February numbers, which should increase modestly because of Super Bowl bets, will be released next week.

Valley Forge will be the eighth location in the state to offer sports betting, as there are also several books operating closer to Pittsburgh. In the month of January the statewide handle was $32 million, generating $2.6 million.

TWEET OF THE DAY

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I know exactly how to make it happen. Odds for landing Antonio Browns.... I mean Brown. #AB #AntonioBrown #Browns

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Titans	11/2
Cardinals	15/2
Packers	10/1

Sports betting 101: What is a moneyline?

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Moneylines are the simplest type of bet. In a moneyline wager, bettors make bets simply on who will win the game. This does not involve any point spreads or margins of victory. This form of betting odds focuses just on who will be the outright winner. Let's take a look at an example. Let's say the Rangers odds are -150, while the Flyers' odds are +130.

The first thing to take notice of is the plus and minus sign in front of the number. The team with a plus sign in front of the odds is the underdog — in this case, the Flyers. Because of this fact, they can potentially earn a higher payout if they win. The number in the odds means something slightly different depending on whether it has a positive or negative sign in front of it. With its odds set at +130, a Flyers bet offers a $130 payout for every $100 bet on it. So if someone were to bet on the Flyers, and the Flyers won, that person would win $130.

A minus sign at the beginning of odds means the team is favored to win. The number indicates how much someone would need to wager in order to win $100. So if someone were to place a $150 bet in favor of the Rangers and the Rangers won the game, that person would win $100. If that person were to bet $300 instead, and the Rangers still won, they would win $200.

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Betting trends

Preview: Sixers versus Rockets

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41-24	Overall record	39-25
31-34-0	ATS record	29-33-2
32-33-0	O/U record	34-29-1
16-15	Away/home	22-9
6-4	L10	4-5
5-2 ATS in L7 following a loss	Betting trend	3-7 ATS in L11 versus Eastern Conference
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O/U: Over/under. L10 = Last 10 games. ATS = Against the spread.

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ANTHONY GARGANO

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Maybe it's the thrill of the bench press and the shuttle run that has me in the NFL futures aisle. Probably it's because the NCAA Tournament is late this year, meaning the conference tournaments don't arrive until next week, and so I'm antsy for the coming of the second-best sports time of the year (behind September and October): the confluence of the Tourney, NBA and NHL playoffs, Opening Day for Major League Baseball and The Masters.

And quite frankly, there are some good bargains to be had pre-free agency and draft.

We start here at home with the Eagles at +1600, because you won't get a better price. Eagles GM Howie Roseman — master cap manipulator — is redoing contracts to create space and you know it's not for grins and giggles. Roseman has always sought a splash and the Eagles need a running back (watch Tevin Coleman) and a speed receiver to give Carson Wentz all the weapons.

And the Eagles, you know, will weaponize for Wentz. With Nick Foles heading elsewhere all the pressure is on Wentz, and the team will try to alleviate some of that with help in the backfield and on the outside.

A healthy Wentz with weapons and there's no reason he can't lead the Eagles to the No. 1 seed in the NFC like he did two years ago.

At 20 to 1 win the Super Bowl this season, playing in a division with two dead teams (Redskins and the Cooked Eli Giants), the Birds present a tasty bargain. Also take a look at Cleveland at 25 to 1 — Baker and the Browns are legit.

The Chiefs are a favorite at 7 to 1, but seven times your money is still worth a play when you consider they were +200 or lower for much of last season.

SIXERS WEEKEND

The heat's on coach Brett Brown with the stretch run upon us and still a new dynamic five to inaugurate.

Knee soreness to Joel Embiid has cost this team valuable minutes of playing together. Brown said there was a chance Embiid could join the team in Houston for Friday's game but my guess is if he is back at all, it happens at home against the Pacers on Sunday.

The Sixers are dogs against the Rockets after destroying Houston in Philly back in January. There was no Chris Paul and Clint Capela in that game, so methinks revenge is on the docket for the Rockets.

That said, I'll take the Sixers Sunday in Philly with the four seed on the line against Indiana — Jo or no Jo.

RIVALRY REMATCH

One college game I absolutely love this week is Duke in the rematch against North Carolina. That's the game, you remember, where Zion Williamson's sneaker exploded seconds into the game. Losing your best player that early totally wrecked Duke's game plan. With or without Zion, I love Duke to come in with a winning plan to execute in the rematch.

LAST WEEK: 5-1

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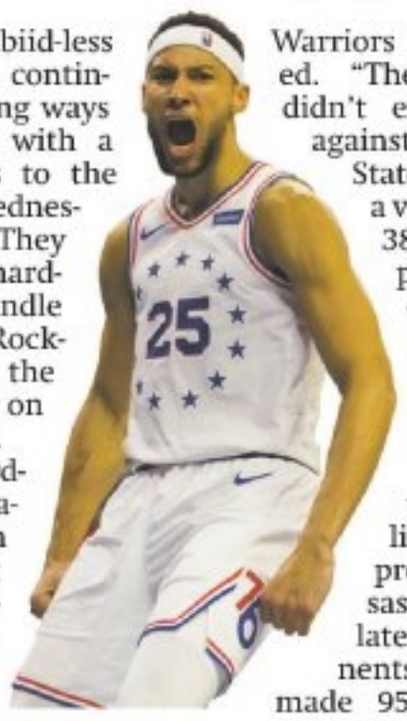
6:00 pm	**Men's CBB** Bowling Green vs. Buffalo	ESPNU
7:00 pm	**Men's CBB** Minnesota vs. Maryland	FOX Sports 1
7:00 pm	**Men's CBB** Miami vs. Virginia Tech	ESPN2
9:00 pm	**Men's CBB** St. Joseph's vs. VCUs	ESPN2
10:30 pm	**NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets vs. Golden State Warriors	ESPN

Sixers vs. Rockets betting preview



The Joel Embiid-less 76ers (41-24) continued their losing ways on the road with a stunning loss to the Bulls on Wednesday night. They could be hard-pressed to handle the Houston Rockets (39-25) at the Toyota Center on Friday as well.

James Harden and company have won six straight tilts, with victories over the Raptors, Celtics and Warriors included. "The Beard" didn't even play against Golden State but has averaged 38.6 points per game over his last five appearances. Sending Harden to the line has proved disastrous of late for opponents, as he's made 95 percent of his free throws in that span (57-of-60). Shooting guard Eric Gordon has been hot from the floor, draining 16 of his last 27 attempts (59 percent) from two and 11 of his last 17 long distance attempts (64.7 percent).

However, the Rockets have been burning backers' capital as favorites for a while now, going just 2-13-1 against the spread in their last 16 contests when giving points.

The play: Sixers +7

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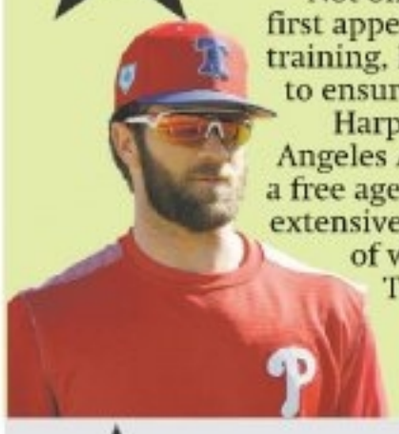

Not only did the new Phillies mega-signing make his first appearances in the red and white down in spring training, he also started planting the seeds of recruitment to ensure Philadelphia becomes a force in a few years.

Harper made it known that he is going to after Los Angeles Angels superstar Mike Trout when he becomes a free agent after the 2020 season. The two spoke extensively during the offseason as Harper got a gauge of what to expect from the Philadelphia fans from Trout, who grew up rooting for the city's teams.

2 BEN SIMMONS

As the 76ers continue the agonizing wait to get their starting five back intact, Simmons has done everything he can to keep his team clicking the best they can.

The reigning rookie of the year continues to develop into one of the most dangerous hybrid point guards the game has seen, displaying an all-around game that could become unguardable over the next few seasons.

In two games this week, Simmons nearly averaged a triple-double against the Orlando Magic and Chicago Bulls, averaging 17 points, 12.5 assists and three steals per game.

3 CLAUDE GIROUX

The Flyers' playmaking forward has helped fuel the orgaization's rise from Eastern Conference basement to the cusp of the playoff hunt.

Philadelphia is just seven points out of the wild-card spot in the East with 15 games remaining, though a loss on Wednesday night to the Capitals halted a successful stretch that saw the Flyers win four of their previous five.

Giroux once again was the Flyers' most productive presence this week, recording four points (1 goal, 3 assists) in two games against the New York Islanders and Capitals.

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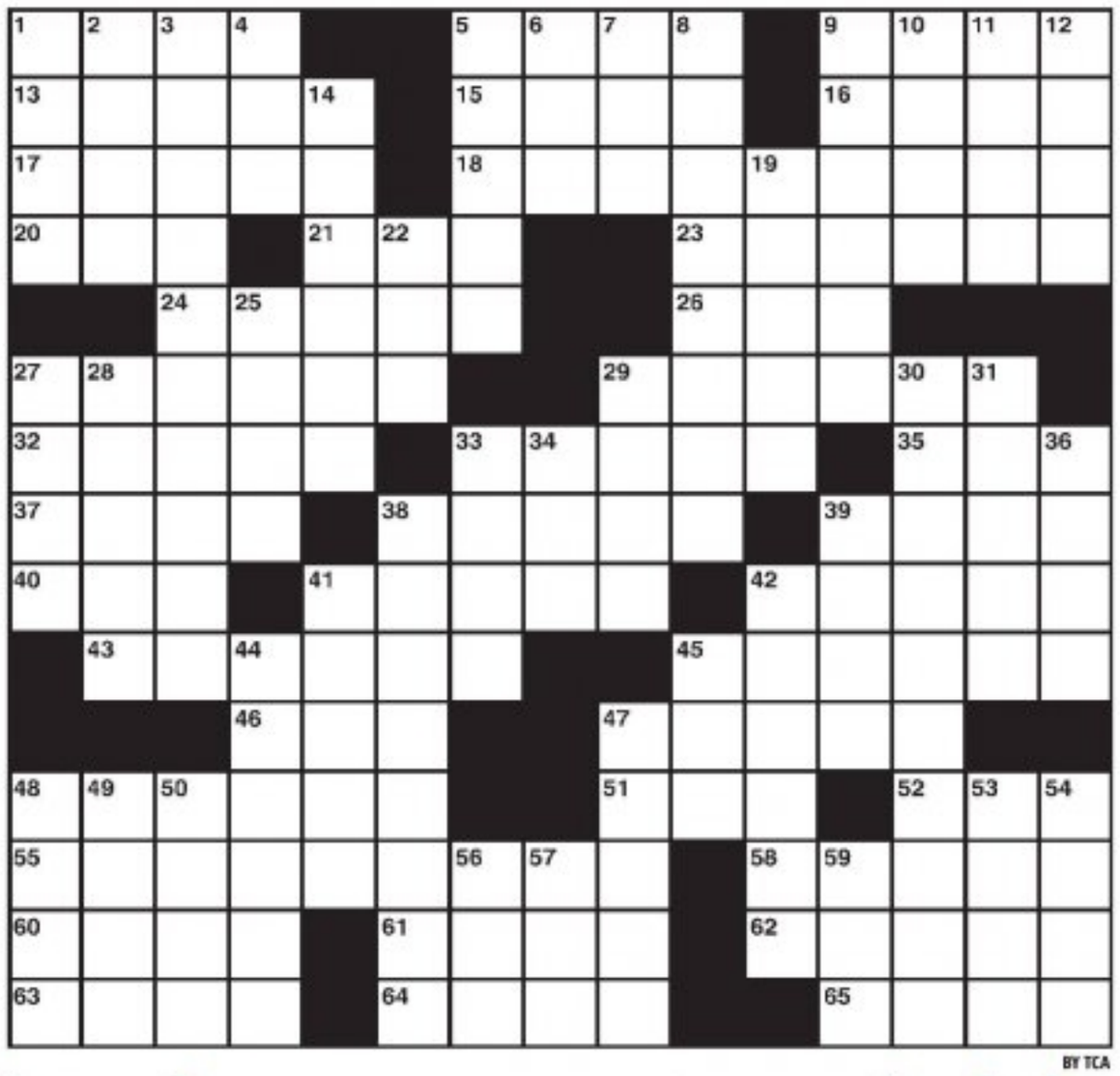

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